



State of Arizona
Janet Napolitano – Governor

Arizona State Board of Massage Therapy

“Protecting the Public’s Health”

1400 West Washington • Suite 230 • Phoenix, AZ 85007 • Voice Telephone 602-542-8242 • FAX 602-542-3093

TTY for Americans with Disability 800-367-8939 • Disability Voice Relay 800-842-4681

Mara Concordia, LMT; David Falkow, LMT; Ms. Lori Green, Public Member; Daniel Vasquez, LMT

Paulina Vazquez-Morris, Public Member; Craig Runbeck, NMD, Executive Director

Minutes

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

May 24, 2004, 2:00 p.m.
Basement Conference Room B1
1400 West Washington St
Phoenix, AZ 85007

1. Call to Order:

Ms. Concordia, Chair called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

A. Roll call of Board members was done to establishment a quorum to conduct the meeting:

Board members present: Mara Concordia, Chair
Daniel Vasquez
Lori Green

Board member absent: Paulina Vazquez-Morris
Board member resigned: David Falkow, Vice Chair

Legal Counsel Present: Dawn Lee, Assistant Attorney General

Staff Present: Dr. Craig Runbeck, Executive Director
Dee Doyle, Licensing Administrator

2. Call to the Public

Ms. Concordia gave a call to the public at 2:02 pm.

Dr. Craig Runbeck addressed the board regarding the Phoenix College hosted question and answer session held on May 21, 2004. Approximately 250 students, massage therapist and employers turned out to ask questions about the new state licensing law.

Mr. Greg Harris of Lewis and Roca, addressed, the board on the proposed application packet and he made recommendations.

Ms. Patricia Sams addressed, the board regarding the provisional license requirements.

3. Discussion and consideration of Consent Agenda

MOTION: Mr. Vasquez moved to approve the March 22, 2004 meeting minutes as amended; Ms. Green seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed 3-0.

4. Discussion and Consideration of Administrative and Procedural Matters

A. Legislation/Rules Update

Dr. Runbeck summarized the approval of S.B. 1087 that the governor signed on April 16, 2004. The final rules approval are being reviewed by the Government Regulator Review Council (GRRC) they will be heard on June 8, 2004.

B. Test subcommittee report

Dr. Runbeck updated the Board on the results of the Survey of States not using the NCE/NEL. In general, the trend seems to be towards using the NCE/NELS as a nationwide standard examination. One of the big roadblocks to the NCE was the requirement that the individual applicant's qualify for membership in the National Certification Board for Massage Therapy and Bodywork (NCBTMB) as a condition of licensure. This issue has now been addressed by the NCBTMB with the development of the "National Examination for States Licensing Examination" (NELS). The NELS is the same test at the same cost (\$225.00), but has no prerequisites or credentials associated with it. Anyone who pays the fee will be allowed to sit for the examination; even new student who have not graduated yet but are in their last semester of massage school can take the NELS. The individuals also have the choice to convert their NELS score into national certification, if they qualify, within four years of passing the NELS.

Ms. Concordia asked, Dr. Runbeck if New York gave any indication as to why they prefer to use their own examination instead of the NCBTMB? Dr. Runbeck noted that New York has a 1000 hour program requirement which exceeds the National Certification Board standards and they have been licensing since 1967. Arkansas will accept NCE in lieu of their examination but will probably continue using a state examination for the foreseeable future. It is a revenue source for them.

Dr. Runbeck also clarified that Arizona has specific requirements for licensure that must be met as a condition for licensure in accordance with passing the NCE/NELS.

C. Application Packet Review

The Board reviewed the proposed application packet.

Ms. Lee Assistant Attorney General made suggestions for the instruction to the application.

MOTION: Ms. Green moved to approve the application packet as amended and pending any non substantive changes for approval from the Board legal council, Mr. Vasquez seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed 3-0.

5. Discussion and Consideration of Correspondence and Questions for the Board.

A. Correspondence Response to David Burmeister

Dr. Runbeck provided the Board with a copy of the board's response to Mr. Burmeister letter.

B. Correspondence from Associated Bodywork & Massage Professionals, Ann Chellman Legislative Services.

Dr. Runbeck shared correspondence received from Ms. Chellman, Legislative Services, that she sent to Mr. Burmeister the Director of Jin Shin Jyutsu, Inc.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 PM.

Date this _____ ***day of*** _____

Arizona Board of Massage Therapy

Signed by Board Chair: _____